Rail Roko Andolan in Orissa

4682. SHRI H. K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rail Roko Andolan was observed in various parts of Orissa on 30th March, 2001; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Orissa, a backward State, is being continuously neglected by the Railway Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Washable aprons at Railway Stations in Andhra Pradesh

4683. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway stations in Andhra Pradesh where provision of washable aprons has been introduced, station-wise;

(b) whether funds have been earmarked for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether this facility would be extended to some more stations in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Washable aprons have been introduced at eleven Railway Stations in Andhra Pradesh, namely, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Kacheguda, Vijayawada, Rajahmundry, Guntakal, Tirupati, Kazipet and Renigunta.

(b) and (c) Work of provision of washable aprons has been completed at Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Secunderabad, Kacheguda, Vijayawada, Rajahmundry and Tirupati. In addition, the work at Visakhapatnam Yard has been taken up at a cost of